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IN VACATION.

JUDGE THOMPSON'S COMMENTS ON SOME JUDGES.—Judge Thompson of the *American Law Review* has definite notions upon every subject, and particularly upon Judges who abuse or browbeat lawyers.

In a late number of the *Review* he preaches the following sermon on the subject:

"A good many members of the bar in jurisdictions further to the East are ready to exclaim: 'If you don't like your bad Judge you can have ours. We are ready to swap with you and give boot.' If a Judge is imbued with a natural predisposition to be fair and just he will discharge his duties with patience and will not only *be* fair and just, but will *seem* to be fair and just. If a man is born with the natural feelings which are the foundation of gentlemanly conduct, he will never become a tyrant or a brute when lifted to the judicial bench. Especially he will never be guilty of that most offensive form of cowardice and brutality which is exhibited when the Judge jumps upon a young lawyer. His manners may be uncouth, but they will never wound the feelings of those who practice in his court, unless they deserve to have their feelings wounded.

"Our first experience in a courtroom when a boy was in a court of limited jurisdiction at Aurora, Illinois. The Judge was working hard, and yet patiently and pleasantly, to clear his docket. He often sat with his feet on the desk before him—a spectacle which was certainly not edifying; but he never abused or browbeat a lawyer; and he was especially kind and considerate to the young lawyers. A boy had been indicted for some small offense, and a young novice at the bar had been appointed by the Judge to defend him. The evidence was heard, and then the Judge took down his heels from the desk, and said to the young lawyer, who was shaking with the stage ague: 'Now make your speech.' The young lawyer addressed the jury and pleaded for his youthful client as best he could, appealing to the fact of his extreme youth and to the evidently imperfect training which he had received, and then sat down. The kind-hearted Judge said to the young lawyer: 'Pretty well done for a first effort; very well done.' That Judge, though uncouth in manners, was in heart and feeling a gentleman; and pleasant memories of him still survive among the members of his bar.

"Continue, young gentlemen of the Oregon Law School, to prod the tyrannical Judge if you really have one. Buzz around his ears like a swarm of New Jersey mosquitoes; pester him like a California flea; sting him like a hornet. But don't overlook any mitigating circumstances. Remember that he is probably overworked and underpaid. Think that he may be suffering in consequence of protracted work from such a nervous attenuation that every new effort to address him is like an attack upon his life. Try to look upon his side of the question. But if you find there nothing in mitigation of punishment, then treat his misconduct with courageous severity. In every large city there are judges on the bench whose habitual conduct toward the bar—and especially toward younger members of the bar—is at once so cowardly and so brutal, that if the bar were

united as they should be and courageous to uphold their honor and their privileges, such judges would have to mend their manners or quit the bench."

At the funeral of a lawyer of state reputation, who lived and practiced in a town not far from Philadelphia, and who was known among his friends thereabouts as an unbeliever, an eminent gentleman reached the house after the minister began his address. Not knowing how far the service had progressed, he accosted a well-known Quaker who was noted for his great sense of humour, and leaning over his shoulder, asked in a whisper: "What part of the service have they reached?" To which the Quaker without a smile, replied: "Just opened for the defense."—*Exchange*.